

David J. Sachar is the Executive Director of the Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission. He has held that position since his appointment in January of 2013. He was Deputy Executive Director of the JDDC for over 5 years prior to his promotion. During his time at the Commission, Sachar has handled judicial ethics cases that have been tried before the JDDC. Some of these cases were appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court, resulted in state and federal criminal convictions or were the subject of additional civil litigation. Some of the judicial misconduct cases were the subject of state, national and international news. He also speaks at judicial conferences to help members of the judiciary avoid ethical issues during their tenure in office as well as when campaigning for elected judicial office.

Sachar has been involved in the national and international judicial ethics community. He is currently the president of the national board of directors of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. He is on the advisory committee of the Center for Judicial Ethics for the National Center for State Courts. In 2018 he spoke on sexual harassment issues in the judiciary at the United States Capitol in conjunction with the National Association of Women Judges and the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. As of late 2018 he traveled to Seoul, South Korea to become a member of the inaugural expert panel for the United Nations' Global Judicial Integrity Network. He will travel to Doha, Qatar in 2019 to continue his efforts with the U.N. in formulating policy and training to help nations combat gender related judicial integrity issues.

Mr. Sachar began his legal career at the office of the Prosecutor Coordinator. He was a felony level prosecutor for over eight years during his career. He also spent over 3 years litigating medical cases for Wilkes & McHugh, P.A. He has tried over 100 jury trials and thousands of hearings and bench trials. Prior to being hired by the Commission, Sachar served as Special Circuit Court Judge in five different circuits in Pulaski County.

He is a member of the Arkansas Bar Association and is a frequent CLE instructor. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William Bowen School of Law and a volunteer instructor of law at the Little Rock Police Academy. He has been published in the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review on 4th Amendment law.

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Member – Expert Panel, Global Judicial Integrity Network, United Nations – Office of Drugs and Crime.